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O R 250937Z AUG 77
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4987
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN
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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4171

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, LE
SUBJECT: TWO BOMBINGS IN BEIRUT

REF: BEIRUT 4170

1. TWO EXPLOSIVE DEVICES HAVE BEEN SET OFF IN BEIRUT
WITHIN LAST 24 HOURS. AT ABOUT 1600 HOURS LOCAL TIME
ON AUGUST 24, DEVICE WENT OFF IN OUTDOOR TOILET ON
CORNICHE, IN FRONT OF AUB CAMPUS IN WEST BEIRUT. THERE
WERE NO CASUALTIES.

2. AT 0700 HOURS ON AUGUST 25, SECOND DEVICE WENT OFF
IN MARTYRS' SQUARE. DEVICE WAS PLACED IN OR
NEAR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STANDS IN AREA. MORE THAN
THIRTY PEOPLE WERE WOUNDED, AND AS OF 0800 HOURS TWO HAD
DIED, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY SOURCES. (VENDORS IN
SQUARE ARE MOSTLY KURDS AND SHIA MUSLIMS).

3. WE DO NOT YET HAVE ANY EVIDENCE ON WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE.
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BOTH CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM SOURCES OF EMBASSY
SPECULATE, BUT HAVE NO HARD INFORMATION, THAT BOMBINGS
ARE CHRISTIAN RETALIATION FOR KILLINGS IN CHOUF.
SUCH BOMBINGS IN WAKE OF CHOUF INCIDENTS ARE AT
MINIMUM GOING TO INCREASE TENSION AND MUTUAL SUSPICIONS
BETWEEN CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS AND DRUZE.
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